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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UN, RQ
SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO

REF: (A) USUN 2957, (B) USUN 2967

1. DEPARTMENT INFORMED BY USUN THAT EFFORTS IN COMITE OF 24 TO REACH COMPROMISE ON LANGUAGE OF RES ON PUERTO RICO HAVE FAILED AND VOTE NOW EXPECTED AUGUST 30 ON RES AS CONTAINED REF (B). COMITE WHICH NORMALLY OPERATES BY CONSENSUS NOW FACES UNUSUAL SHOWDOWN INDICATING CONSIDERABLE SPLIT BETWEEN MODERATE AND RADICAL MEMBERS. AMBASSADOR SCALI HAS SPOKEN TO IRANIAN, AUSTRALIAN, IVORY COAST AND ETHIOPIAN DELS WHO ARE PERSONALLY INCLINED VOTE AGAINST RES BUT DO NOT YET HAVE INSTRUCTIONS. MISSION ALSO BELIEVES THERE IS CHANCE FOR GAINING SUPPORT FROM SOME OF OTHERS WHO ABSTAINED IN PREVIOUS VOTE ON APPEARANCE OF PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE LEADERS.

2. UNLESS OVERRIDING OBJECTION PERCEIVED ACTION ADDRESSES ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE APPROACH TO APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN MFA ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A. US APPRECIATES PREVIOUS ABSTENTION BY HOST COUNTRY DEL IN COMITE OF 24 ON QUESTION OF APPEARANCE OF PUERTO RICO INDEPENDENCE LEADERS.

B. COMITE HAS NOW FAILED TO COME UP WITH CONSENSUS ON RES DEALING WITH PUERTO RICO.

C. RES NOW EXPECTED TO BE PLACED BEFORE COMITE AUGUST 30 CONTAINS LANGUAGE INSULTING IN ITS IMPLICATIONS TO PUERTO RICANS AND USG AND WILL BE REGARDED AS GROSS INTERFERENCE IN US AND PUERTO RICAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

D. COMITE ACTION THIS YEAR AND IN PREVIOUS SESSIONS CONCERNING PUERTO RICO HAS DRAWN CONSIDERABLE ADVERSE PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL REACTION. THIS RESOLUTION CAN ONLY FURTHER DEGRADE PRESTIGE OF COMITE AND DETRACT FROM CONFIDENTIAL

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DEOMESTIC US AND PUERTO RICAN IMAGE OF UN.

E. USG WOULD THEREFORE DEEPLY APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS TO HOST COUNTRY DELEGATION TO VOTE AGAINST RES.

3. FOR ADDIS ABABA: USUN INFORMED BY GOE COMITE REP TADESSE THAT HE FAVORS NEGATIVE VOTE AND HAS ASKED FOR INSTRUCTIONS PERMITTING HIM TO DO SO.

4. FOR CANBERRA: AUSTRALIAN DEPUTY PERM REP CAMPBELL, WHO HAS BEEN EXTREMELY HELPFUL TO USUN, HAS ASKED PRIVATELY THAT EMBASSY CANBERRA MAKE "SPECIAL EFFORT" TO BACK UP REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE AGAINST CUBAN RES.

5. FOR FREETOWN: AUSTRALIANS BELIEVE GOSL INCLINED VOTE AGAINST RES.

6. FOR PORT OF SPAIN: DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THAT GOTT AMBIVALENT ON PUERTO RICAN ISSUE AND OVER ENERGETIC APPROACH MIGHT BACKFIRE. AT EMBASSY DISCRETION, REQUEST SHOW DRAFT RES TO FRANK ABDULAH

IN MFA, WHO PERSONALLY FAMILIAR WITH WORK OF COMITE OF 24 THROUGH HIS PREVIOUS SERVICE ON T&T UN DEL IN NY, AND EXPLAIN USG NEED FOR AS MANY NEGATIVE VOTES AS POSSIBLE ON THIS ISSUE.

7. FOR TEHRAN: YOU SHOULD INFORM MFA OF OUR GRATI-

TUDE FOR EFFORTS BY IRANIAN DEPUTY PERM REP EHSASSI WHO HAS TAKEN LEAD IN TRYING TO SECURE COMPROMISE WHICH HAS BEEN UNDONE LARGELY BY IRAQI DEL. EHSASSI HAS ASKED FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE AGAINST RES.

8. FOR STOCKHOLM: IN VIEW YOUR PREVIOUS CALL TO WACHMEISTER, DEPARTMENT LEAVES FURTHER APPROACH TO YOUR DISCRETION. RUSH

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